

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO
EASTERN DIVISION**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,)	CASE NO. 1:17CR137-02
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PLAINTIFF,)	JUDGE SARA LIOI
)	
vs.)	
)	ORDER
HELEN WYNDER,)	
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DEFENDANT.)	

This matter is before the Court upon Magistrate Judge David A. Ruiz's Report and Recommendation that the Court ACCEPT Defendant Helen Wynder's ("Defendant") plea of guilty and enter a finding of guilty against Defendant. (Doc. No. 29.)

On April 11, 2017, the government filed an Indictment against Defendant. (Doc. No. 1.) On June 20, 2017, this Court issued an order assigning this case to a Magistrate Judge for the purpose of receiving Defendant's guilty plea. (Doc. No. 26.)

On July 7, 2017, a hearing was held in which Defendant entered a plea of guilty to Count 1 of the Indictment, charging her with Conspiracy to Defraud the Government with Respect to Claims, in violation of 18 U.S.C. Section 286. Magistrate Judge Ruiz received Defendant's guilty plea and issued a Report and Recommendation ("R&R") recommending that this Court accept the plea and enter a finding of guilty. (Doc. No. 29.)

Neither party objected to the Magistrate Judge's R&R in the fourteen days after it was issued.

Upon *de novo* review of the record, the Magistrate Judge's R&R is ADOPTED.

Specifically, the Court finds as follows: that the defendant is competent to enter a plea, that she understands her constitutional rights, that she is aware of the consequences of entering a plea, and that there is an adequate factual basis for the plea. The Court further finds that the plea was entered knowingly, intelligently, and voluntarily. Accordingly, the Defendant's plea of guilty is APPROVED.

Therefore, the Defendant is adjudged guilty of Count 1 in violation of 18 U.S.C. Section 286. The sentencing will be held on October 18, 2017 at 2:00 p.m.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: August 8, 2017



HONORABLE SARA LIOI
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE